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SUBJECT: EXBS: KAZAKHSTAN EXBS MONTHLY REPORTING CABLE -
22 JANUARY - 28 FEBRUARY, 2005

¶1. Summary: The EXBS staff:

On January 27 - 28, 2005, Commonwealth Trading Partners (CTP), contractors for State Department Export Control and Related Border Security Assistance Program (EXBS), presented an Industry Outreach Compliance Workshop at the Almaty Hyatt Hotel to seventeen participants from Kazakhstan Customs and Ministry of Internal Affairs. The workshop was to support and enhance Kazakhstan's efforts to solicit the assistance of industry and human sources of information relating to suspicious acquisition of controlled technologies, and munitions. Instructors for this course were Douglas Evans and Kevin Cummings.

On February 1 - 2, 2005, CTP presented an Integrity Awareness Workshop at the Almaty Hyatt Hotel, to Kazakhstan Custom's supervisors, mid-level supervisors, and customs officers active in the field of detection, identification and investigation of illicit transit and transfer of weapons of mass destruction at Kazakhstan border ports of entry. Instructors for this course were, Douglas Evans, and Dr. Neal Trauma. EXBS Program Manager, Gulnara Abildaeva, and EXBS Advisor Richard Morrissey attended both of these training workshops.

On January 30, 2005, EXBS Advisor Richard Morrissey met with Mr. Tim Harmon, ITC Technology, Almaty, Kazakhstan to discuss an RFQ, that Mr. Harmon's company submitted in fiscal year 2004, to build English language classrooms, equipped with computer equipment at Almaty and Astana for use by Border Guard and Custom officers. Funding for this project is pending with DOS/NP and DHS/U.S. Customs.

Drafted two diplomatic notes, and prepared four country clearance requests for EXBS sponsored programs.

End Summary

MEETINGS AND VISITS

¶1. On January 27 - 28, 2005, Program Manager Abildaeva, and EXBS Advisor Morrissey, attended an Industry Outreach Compliance Workshop presented by Commonwealth Trading Partners (CTP), held at the Almaty Hyatt Hotel. There were seventeen attendees from Kazakhstan Customs and Internal Affairs. It should be noted that during this same time frame that DTRA and INL presented training to government of Kazakhstan employees.

¶2. On February 1 - 2, 2005, Program Manager Abildaeva, and EXBS Advisor Morrissey, attended an Integrity Awareness Workshop, presented by Commonwealth Trading Partners (CTP), held at the Almaty Hyatt Hotel. There were twenty-five Kazakhstan Customs supervisors, mid-level supervisors, and Customs officers active in the field of detection, identification, and investigation of illicit transit and transfer of weapons of mass destruction.

¶3. It should be noted that participants in both training classes provided positive feedback on the professionalism and knowledge of the subject matter experts who presented these courses. The attendees expressed interest in receiving additional training, including "train the trainer" classes in the near future.

¶B. TRAINING STATUS

Training dates are reported for two years.

¶1. March 4 - 6, 2003.
Radiation Survey Meter training for 22 Border Guard and Customs Officers in Almaty.
Instructor: SOLO Ltd. Co. Manufacture of the Meters.

¶2. March 24 - 27, 2003.
DOD/FBI Counter Proliferation Criminal Investigators
Training Course for WMD.

¶3. March 28 - April 2, 2003.
Procurement training for EXBS LES employees.

¶4. March 31 - April 2, 2003.
DOE Commodity Identification Training.

¶5. April 4 - May 9, 2003.
Five U.S. Customs Service IBIT training programs with 12
CITK deliveries.

¶6. June 23 - 25, 2003.
National Control List workshop for licensing officials from
government and industry held in Astana.

¶7. July 28 - August 1, 2003.
National Control List workshop for licensing officials from
government and industry held in Almaty.

¶8. August 11 - 15, 2003.
DTRA/US Customs WMD Investigators Analyst training held in
Almaty for twenty-one investigators from Border Guard and
Customs.

¶9. September 16 - 19, 2003.
DTRA/FBI Counter-Proliferation WMD Criminal Investigations
Program held in Almaty for thirty-five investigators from
police and emergency situation services.

¶10. October 12- 14, 2003.
DOE-X-Ray van operation and maintenance training held for
20 Customs and Border Guards at Koradji.

¶11. January 8 - 27, 2004.
Advanced IBIT Training for seventeen English-speaking
border guard and customs officers held in Hidalgo, Texas.

¶12. June 23 -24, 2004.
DOE Industry Outreach Seminar on Export Controls and
establishing an effective internal compliance program held
in Astana.

¶13. December 6 - 9, 2004.
Targeting and Risk Management Workshop held in Astana,
Kazakhstan for 30 Customs inspectors and Customs
specialists.

¶14. January 27 - 28, 2005.
Industry Outreach Compliance Workshop held at Almaty Hyatt
Hotel for seventeen Kazakhstan Customs and Internal Affairs
officers.

¶15. February 1 - 2, 2005.
Integrity Awareness Workshop held at the Almaty Hyatt Hotel
for twenty-five Kazakhstan supervisors, mid-level
supervisors and customs officers active in the field of
detection, identification, and investigation of illicit
transit and transfer of weapons of mass destruction.

Proposed Training Programs:

¶1. Proposal for a regional border guard "TRACKER" training
program to be conducted by CBP Indian Tracker Program, to
train border guards from Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and
Kyrgyzstan. Each country would send 15 border guard
officers to the Almaty Kazakhstan border guard training
facility for the two-week course. The EXBS program in each
country would pay for participants from their respective
countries. The program has been postponed until FY-05.
¶C. EQUIPMENT DELIVERED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

¶1. No equipment was delivered during the reporting period.

¶2. Total equipment delivered, plus funded and pending
delivery is \$7,535,960.83.

¶F. OTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS THAT AFFECT EXPORT CONTROLS AND BORDER SECURITY.

III. RED FLAG ISSUES.

¶1. The Kazakhstan EXBS Office continues to receive requests
to conduct training within country with little or no lead
time. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) has advised the
EXBS Office that they require a minimum of 45-60 days from
receipt of an action cable to properly prepare and handle
the tasks required.

It takes a minimum of three to four days to properly
prepare a Diplomatic Note in English and Russian, and have
it vetted by appropriate Embassy officials. Then, it must
be forwarded to MFA in Astana, Kazakhstan. The MFA requests

a three to four week time frame from the day they receive a diplomatic note for action. Once MFA receives the Diplomatic Note, they then task the appropriate in country agencies. These agencies would also like a three to four week time span to prepare and respond to MFA.

Some of the tasking cable received for action within the EXBS Office does not allow sufficient time to make hotel and conference room reservations, obtain interpreters and specialized equipment for the proposed training. In addition, procurement regulations and Embassy policy require that we must obtain three separate bids from various vendors to meet GSO/B&F requirements. Finally, by repeatedly sending Diplomatic Notes with a short turn around, we needlessly antagonize our host country officials. For this reason, Embassy Almaty requests that any action cable be received no less than 45 days, preferably 60 days, before the event in question.

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